WITH HER SAILOR

Florence Merritt, Thirteen Years Old, Repels Mother in Court and Declares She Will Elope as Soon as Free.

WROTE LOVE NOTES TO HIM.

Parent Asked for Her Commitment When Jockie Was Discharged, but Magistrate Would Only Send Her te Children's Society for a Week.

Alfred Walsh, the dashing young ma-rine to whom thirteen-year-old Florence Merritt, of Brooklyn, wrote love letters, was dismissed to-day on a charge of vagrancy in the Myrtle Ave nue Court. He immediately disappeared, but Mrs. Merritt asked at once that her daughter be committed on a charge of waywardness. "What has she done?" a sked the

Magist rate. "Well, she stayed away from school and spent one night without permission

at the house of a neighbor." "I can't see any great waywardness in that, but I will turn the girl over for week to the Children's Society," was the Magistrate's reply.

Child Repels Her Mother.

Then the girl burst into tears. When her mother sought to comfort her she repelled her and between her sobs, said: "As soon as I am out I will go straight to Mr. Walsh and we will be married. Nothing can ever part us. I love him dearly and he has always been good and kind to me.

"I suppose he will be punished for this, and I want to say that it is all my fault. He is an honest, nice young man. Not a word has he ever said to me that any one could find the least fault with." Then Florence was led away to be turned over to the Children's Society, and as she passed out of the door, she "I love Alfred, and I will marry him."

Met Him at a Party. At a party in Williamsburg she met Walsh, a marine in the Navy-Yard, and she, fell in love with himjust as much in love as a twelve-year-old girl can. Most of his time was

spent behind the big wall of the Navy-Yard, and as she could not see her sweetheart often this little schoolgirl opened her heart to him in letters. They

But in the eyes of the law this love affair in miniature is a misdemeanor and Florence is under the care of the Gerry Society, while Alfred has been cooped up in a cell in Raymond Street

Jail. It all came about because Florence in her anxiety to see her sweetheart went to the home of a Mrs. Gr., ger, in Russell street, near the Navy-Yard, and re-mained there all night without notifying

No matter what happens in the Magistrate's court to-day nothing quite so re-markable as the letters written by Florence to her sailor sweetheart will de-velop, unless it be more letters.

Here are some of the letters written in the class-room while Florence's teacher had her back turned. Love's Drawbacks.

Dear Aifred: The teacher took that little picture of you away from me to-day. She saw me kiss it. When she took it she laughed and I screamed and kicked her foot. Then I had to stand on the line and face the blackboard all through arithmetic and most of the reading. When I got over the maddest part of the way I felt I was kind of glad, for I didn't have any of the examples done. When she sent me to my seat she gave me the picture and told me to keep it in my pocket. I've got it squeezed right in my right hand this minute. I always write with my left hand when the teacher isn't looking. Good-night. I love you. FLORENCE.

A Look of Hair.

Dear Allie: Here's that lock of hair. It's only a little one, because I didn't dare cut off much for fear they'd know. I cut it from way up underneath. Johnny White's mother and aunt "ave just come to visit the school and the teacher is going to make us all do gymnastics just to show off for them. So I can't write much more. I hate Johnny White. He called me Floasie the other day and I hit him with an apple core because you call me that and he can't. Good-by, dear Allie, thi to-morrow.

Whole Oceans of Love.

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My Dear Sailor Allie: I was writing "Aifred" all over the Facific Ocean in my geography to-day because I think your name is the best in the world and because you told me that ever since that war a lot of our sailors were going to that ocean to those islands with the long names. Well, the teacher was looking over my shoulder and caught me and I lied. I didn't have time to think, so I just said that I was writing it so as not to forget the name of Alfred the Great that she read us about the other day in school. So all she said was not to mark the books. Is it wrong to tell lies when you are in love and don't dare to tell because folks laugh or scold you for being too young? I wish I could tell some one. If I ever do I guess it will be gramma. I don't believe she was old when she was married. I love you every minute. FLORENCE.

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Hunger Belks Cupits.

Dear Allie: I didn't write yesterday. Will you forgive me? I guess you'll kuigh when I tell you why. I got up late and had to hurry to school without my breakfast. When recess came I was awful hungry, so I just bought a doughnut with that two cents and then I couldn't buy the postage stamp on the way home from school. I wouldn't have done it if I had been just a little hungry, but when I get awful hungry I have a headache. It's history time and I must stop. Good-by. I love you truly.

CEVIL-SERVICE ROOMS.

rooms of the Civil-Service Com-will not be at the corner adway and Leonard street after Nov. 1. The members have engaged targer accommodations in the building at the coutheast corner of Leonard and lim streats. The present quarters were found to be inadequate.

WILL RUN AWAY SCHOOLGIRL SAYS SHE'LL **RUN AWAY AND GET MARRIED**



PURSUED NURSE. MISTAKE MAY KILL.

Maid Declares the Man Persisted in Insults and Policeman in Auto Captures Him.

James C. Whitaker, a negro, of No. 331 West Fifty-second street, will be arraigned in the Yorkville Court to-day, charged with annoying Kate Slavin, a nursemaid, employed by Mrs. Clara Thompson, of the San Remo, Central Park West, Whitaker will seek to prove that he was in Jersey City at the time it is charged he was in Central Park. The nurse told Magistrate Pool that while amusing the Thompson baby in are remarkably clever letters for a the park Tuesday Whitaker rode slowly little schoolgirl and they are sweetly up on his wheel, attracted her attention by hissing through his teeth, and then insulted her. She walked rapidly in

the other direction, she says, and he rode away on his wheel.

The girl had almost forgotten the oc-The girl had almost forgotten the oc-currence when the same man appeared again. He repeated his offense, sig-says, and as he was leaving she saw Policeman Reyer. The policeman hailed an auto driver, and when the situation was explained the policeman was in-vited to get in and the chase started. Whitaker was finally overtaken at Oo-lumbus avenue and Seventieth street.

PHILBIN ON PLATOON SYSTEM

Says It Should Be So Arranged as

to Prevent Oppression. "What is wanted is a platoon system for the police which will be self-acting and will take the men from under the power of their superiors to injure them

or grant undue favors." This is the statement made by ex-District-Attorney Philbin in behalf of the committee appointed by the Mayor to revise the platoon system. He says enough care cannot be taken in the

enough care cannot be taken in the selection of a system whereby the patroimen cannot be forced by their captains to do illegal things. The policomen should have no more power, but the commanding officer should have less, he thinks.

"It is mostly from the ideas of the patroimen themselves," Mr. Philbin adds, "that the new four-platoon system has been formulated, and, while it has several objections, they may be overcome. It is especially destrable to accomplish something that cannot be undone. The committee will reach its final decision to-morrow night."

Oriental Rug Sale,

Tuesday, October 28th. 3 special lots:

175 Carabagh Rugs, \$7.50 each.

No 2. 200 Carabagh Rugs, \$9.50 each.

No. 3.
300 Large Fine Mousoul, Kazak and Guenje Rugs, \$12 & \$15 each. At Retail Only.

Lord & Taylor,

Gropes for Cholera Medicine and Gets Opium Tincture.

The news was carried immediately to Mrs. Elwell.

Woman in Doctor's House Leland Stanford Stillman and Miss Ada Latimer Married at Hutchinson, Kan.

with his wife in Arlington place, Brooklyn, and his body was taken there

Two Continents, Meets Death

in Accident on the Road.

well known in America and Europe,

broken by the fall.

to find him dead.

Frank A. Elwell, Well Known on Col. Washington A. Roebling's Condition Improves After Successful Operation.

Col. Washington A. Roebling, en-By the breaking of the forks of his gineer of the Brooklyn Bridge, is im motor bicycle Frank A. Elwell, a cyclist proving, in Roosevelt Hospital, after an operation which his family believes was killed on the road near Hicksville, L. I. He was found unconscious beside will at least partially restore his health. which has been bad since he contracted the road and died before medical aid calsson fever years ago. Dr. William A. Clark, who accompanied Col. Roebling could reach him. His neck had been to the hospital from his home in Tren-ton, said to-day that the operation had Elwell started out for a motor-cycle been entirely successful and that the trip with two friends and was returnpatient would be able to return to his ing home when he allowed his friends family in about two weeks. He would not disclose the nature of the operation. It was in 1869 that Col. Roebling sucto ride ahead, telling them he would join them at Hicksville. They were ceeded his father as engineer of the told by another cyclist that Elwell had Brooklyn Bridge, a position which he filled with marked ability. When he met with an accident, and they returned was stricken with the caisson fever in 1872 he continued to direct the work from In the days when the wheeling craze his chamber in Brooklyn. The following was at its height Mr. Elwell was one year he went abroad, returning home after several months in an improved state of health. He resumed work on of the best known men in the League of American Wheelmen. He guided sevthe bridge, and from the time of its com-pletion has been an invalid. At times eral parties across Europe and has ridden on his wheel in almost every he had to carry a camp stool when he went out, in order that he might rest part of the world. Mr. Elwell lived

ROOSEVELT ON PRESIDENCY.

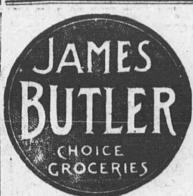
Article Written Before He Became President to Be Published. LONDON, Oct. 27 .- The Morning Post announces that it will publish on Thursday an article by Mr. Theodore Roosevelt entitled "The Presidency of the United States," which was written before he became President. The article deals with the political and social life of the office, and is a characteristic specimen of Mr. Roosevelt's forcible

Prof. Robert Koch Cures Consumption.

Annie McCarthy, fifty-five years old, of No. 131 East Thirteenth street, was taken to Bellevue Hospital in a dangerous condition early to-day suffering from opium poisoning. The ambulance surgeon said that he was told the druy had been administered to the woman accidentally.

Miss McCarthy lived at the address given. It is the house of Dr. Johnson, a veterinary surgeon. She went to church last night and retired on her return. About midnight she awoke with to church alst night and retired on her return. About midnight she awoke with to church alst night and retired on her return. About midnight she awoke with to church last night and retired on her return. About midnight she awoke with to church last night and retired on her return. About midnight she awoke with conduct midnight she awoke with conduct midnight she awoke with the cramps in her stomach. She went to a close to get a bottle of cholera medicine and by mistake took a dose of tincture of optim.

HUTCHINSON. Kan., Oct. 27.—Leland Stanford, of New York and Plant of New York and Plant of Stanford Stillman, of New York and prepayed of Stanford, of California, and a relative of James the recognized authority throughout the world on lung diseases. After he discovered the great still will remain the story stem, which is at 119 W. 2d st., where patients are treated adily until they are cured. Koch-o-lene air when breathed they a







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California, a pound.
California, a pound.

Tumbler Jelly, ice tea size, 10c Curtice Jam, all varieties, a 15c California Peaches or 18c
Pears, East View Brand, a can.
Patapasce Peaches, Maryland pack, a can.
Sport Brand, I pound tall can.
Seamdard Tomatoes, Maryland pack, full weight can, a can.

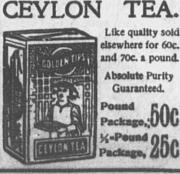
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Crowds began to flock to the Second Floor early this morning, and when this announcement went to press there was every reason to believe that the day would be one of extraordinary activity.

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THE EVENT IS MADE DOUBLY IMPORTANT by the vastness of the stocks and the particular attractiveness of the prices.

The New Babies' Store

The constant and untiring efforts of the new management to have the best Babies' Store in New York has at last been accomplished. No matter what clothing you need for the little ones you can always obtain it in the Babies' Store—the best sorts and at prices that will save you considerable.

Nainsook and Flannelette Dresses.

WHITE NAINSOOK DRESSES, short and long; circular yoke; fine tucks

FLANELETTE SHORT DRESSES, stripes, checks and plain colors; yoke waist effect; trimmed with braid and lace; sizes, 1 to 4 years; specially-



WHITECAMBRIC PETTICOATS. They were made to be sold at \$1.50. But a well-known manufacturer produced more than he had intended, and to lessen his stock took an unusual sacrifice. We saw the opportunity for an attractive special sale, and purchased the Petticoats. Cut extra full, deep lawn flounce, with fancy shirred and tucked ruffle. Specially priced at WOMEN'S WHITE CAMBRIC PETTICOATS; wide lawn flounce

with ruffle of handsome embroidery; cambric dust ruffle. Usually priced at \$1.69; special Tuesday, at (Second Floor, East of Central)

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Two specials for Tuesday that will intensify the interest in this big series of Special Introductory Sales. umbrella flounce; new flare ruffle; also 2. 95 BLACK MOREEN PETTICOATS; wide



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Sizes 3 to 19 years.

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